THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The balance recoverable reserve of natural gas estimated as on 1.4.2000 is around 726 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM). An average quantity of about 81 million standard cubic metre per day (MMSCMD) of gas has been produced during 2000-01 (April 2000 to January 2001), which after providing for the internal use by the producing companies and flaring, is supplied to various consumers.

(c) Natural gas is being used for power generation, as feed stock for production of fertilizers and petrochemicals, as a fuel in industries, for production of Compressed Natural gas (CNG), Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG), Natural Gas Liquid (NGL) etc. and for domestic use.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Supply of gas through pipeline

2670. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cooking gas is being made available through pipeline to residential areas in major cities;

(b) if so, the details of such projects, city-wise;

(c) whether this type of project is economical as compared to LPG connections in cyclinders; and

(d) the present status of project and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) currently, Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL), a Joint Venture company promoted by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), is supplying piped natural gas for cooking purposes in the city of Delhi, while Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL), a Joint Venture company promoted by GAIL and M/s. British Gas, is supplying the same in Mumbai. A private company, namely, Gujarat Gas Company Limited has similar projects in Surat and Ankleshwar in Gujarat.

(c) Currently. the consumers are paying less for the piped gas than for the Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) connections. The difference various from place to place and time to time.

(d) The project of IGL is under implementation in stages and is expected to be completed by 2018. The other projects are also under implementation in phases.

Rehabilitation of displaced people at Motikhavdi, Jam Nagar

†2671. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether displaced people of Moti Khavdi region in Jam Nagar have not been rehabilitated so far despite the commencement of refinery work;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when all the displaced persons are likely to be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As informed by the Company, no residential and/or gamtal land of village Motikhavdi, Jamnagar has been acquired for the refinery project of M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited.

(c) Does not arise.

Malpractices in allotment of LPG agency in Assam

2672. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the malpractices going on in the allotment of LPG agency in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to stop such malpractices; and

(c) whether Government have identified the people responsible for the same and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Whenever complaints are received against selection of dealers/distributors by the Dealer Selection Boards in various States including Assam, action is taken as per the prescribed procedure.

A Grievance Redressal System is provided in the existing guidelines for selection of dealers/distributors for RO dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKOLDO dealerships, whereby the concerned oil company conducts enquiry

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.